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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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You Can Reckon on God's Faithfulness

By the late Dr. F. B. Meyer
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"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."—Mark 11:22-24.

Years ago Hudson Taylor called my attention to these words of our Lord, and told me of the immense blessing they had been to him, in the early day of the China Inland Mission. He said that on his return from his first visit to China, he was deeply impressed with the need to plant missionaries in inland China. Up to that time, they were principally located on the coast.

It seemed as though the Saviour said to him: "Hudson Taylor, I am going to evangelize inland China; if you will walk with me, I will do it through you." The challenge and promise were gladly accepted, and before that faithful servant of Christ passed home, one thousand missionaries had commenced the work of inland evangelization.

The secret which he had discerned in these verses was to reckon on God's faithfulness, and to believe that what was true of Abraham would be equally true of himself. "He believed in the Lord and it was counted to him for righteousness."

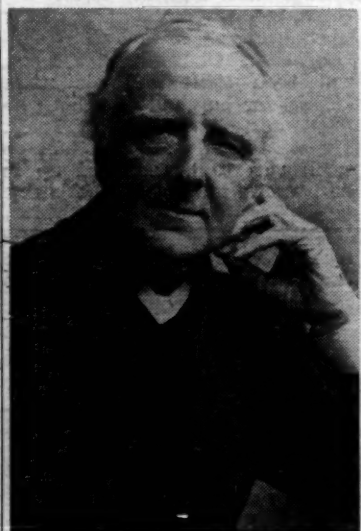
Bible Examples of Resting, Depending on God's Faithfulness

In I Samuel 1:18 we read of Samuel's mother, that after she had poured out her soul to God, asking that a son might be given her, she went her way, and took her place at the sacrificial feast with a happy composure on her face. "The woman was no more sad." If we knew all, I expect that we should discover that she felt no need to repeat her prayer, so sure

was she that it had been granted, and that a child would be given. She reckoned on God's faithfulness!

In John 4:50, the nobleman who

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Rev. F. B. Meyer



By Evangelist Walt Handford
Assistant Editor

Six Important Ways in Which Satan Attempts to Ruin a Preacher's Ministry

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."—I Cor. 9:27.

One of the saddest things in all the world is for a preacher to go wrong. Sometimes we believe that since a preacher is God's man, he is not subject to the same temptations and problems that face other Christians. And preachers sometimes consider themselves to be above the temptations that bring ruin to others. But we must face the fact that the Devil would rather ruin a preacher than anyone else. In fact, the Devil works extra hard to rob preachers of reputation, morals, and power with God and men. Oh, how we ought to pray for preachers that Satan would fail in his attempts to ruin them.

The Lord Jesus expressed His concern for preachers when He spoke to Peter and said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:31, 32). The Lord knew that Satan would do anything possible to ruin God's man who was to preach on the day of Pentecost and see three thousand souls saved.

As a spiritual leader, looked up to by his people, a preacher should be on guard at all times against the insidious attacks of Satan to ruin him. God records for us the stories of ruin which came to many of God's men: Demas forsook Paul and the Lord; Samson lost power and blessing through temptation; David fell into gross sin; Solomon

went after strange gods; and Peter went back to his cursing, denying the Lord. How tragic are these instances of blighted lives.

Undoubtedly a desperate fear of being snared by Satan made Paul say in I Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Paul was not concerned about being lost again. Rather he was always on guard lest Satan rob him of his power and usefulness and that he be put on the shelf as far as God's work was concerned.

I will never forget talking with a man in North Carolina. He had preached for a number of years until a disappointment and problem put him out of the ministry. Tears splashed down his cheeks as he spoke of the wasted years of his life, how it had resulted in family trouble, and all of life had been blighted and spoiled because he allowed Satan to ruin his ministry.

It is tragedy compounded to see the wasted life, talents, and education when Satan ruins a preacher. I pray God will help all of us preachers to take solemn heed to the warning of the six paths to ruin listed in this message. Then I trust that all Christians will set out to pray daily for their own pastor and other preachers that Satan might not gain the advantage and ruin their ministries.

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Life's Most Popular Game

By Evangelist Jim Mercer

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"It is as sport to a fool to do mischief."—Prov. 10:23.

Baseball is the "great American sport," but few people ever put on a uniform to play the game. Most of the millions interested only sit by as spectators.

Everybody plays life's most popular game! There are none who sit on the sidelines.

Life's most popular game had its beginning with the first man. Adam and Eve started it at the very dawn of human history.

Please don't smile when I tell you that life's most popular game is playing the fool. The fool's game is the ugly sport of playing with SIN.

Our text is from the book of Proverbs, "It is as SPORT to a fool to do mischief" (Prov. 10:23). Saul said, "I have sinned . . . I have played the fool" (I Sam. 26:21).

When a person plays with sin he has indeed played the fool. We have all played one time or another with this most dangerous thing God calls SIN. That is why

we call it "Life's Most Popular Game." The Bible declares, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6).

What Sin Is

A person is a fool to play with sin in the first place because of what sin is.

Sin is defined in the Scripture as "the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

"And God SPAKE ALL THESE WORDS:

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . .

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain . . .

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

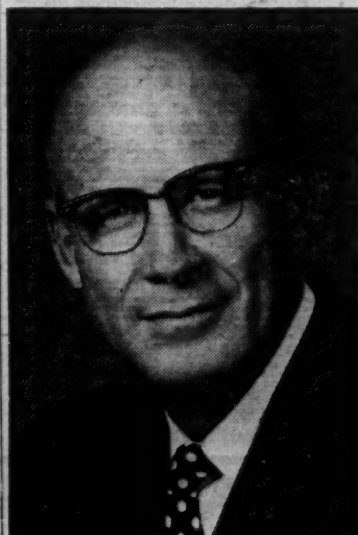
"Honor thy father and thy mother . . .

"Thou shalt not kill.
"Thou shalt not commit adultery.
"Thou shalt not steal.
"Thou shalt not bear false witness . . .
"Thou shalt not covet . . ."—Exod. 20:1-17.

You sin against God when you transgress His holy laws. James tells us that we have broken the whole law when we offend in any one point, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

It is serious to break the law of man, but infinitely worse to

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Dr. Jim Mercer

YOU CAN HELP!

25,000 New Friends Needed Now
at Special \$1.00 for 6 Months Rate

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

We have just launched an enlargement campaign in which we hope to get 25,000 new subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We ought to get a great host of new subscriptions at this time for several reasons.

In the first place, THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought to be reaching thousands of homes where it is not now going. Christian homes all over America need the message of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. THE SWORD is a voice for revival and soul winning in a day when it is desperately needed.

And too, we need thousands of new subscriptions to replace some subscriptions that have expired. This is the constant problem faced by any magazine, Christian or secular. This month we have 5,000 subscriptions expiring. We trust that many of these will renew, but we know by experience some will not. These must be replaced if our list is to grow.

We are going to try by every means possible to get these 25,000 new subscriptions. We will be making special mailings to lists of Christian people. We plan to run ads in other Christian publications and tell folks about THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Then we are

urging pastors to help us by having SWORD Sunday April 24. But all of these other methods are not enough to get the subscriptions which are needed now. The largest way open to us to get new subscribers is for thousands of friends like you to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to their friends who need its message. The only way we can reach this large goal is for you to get a burden to help us and to send THE SWORD to your friends.

In order to help about this matter we are making a special introductory offer of \$1.00 for 6 months for all new subscriptions. Of course, there is some advantage if you would send THE SWORD to them for a year for \$2.00 since the subscription will not expire so soon and it will save us some work. Note this special rate is for new subscriptions only. Your subscription may be included or other renewals may be included only if the subscription order totals \$10 or more at this special \$1.00 for each 6 months offer. This is the lowest possible rate we can offer subscriptions, even in large quantities. It is actually somewhat un-

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This is Wednesday, March 16. Although we should expect spring in about a week, we are in the midst of a snowstorm—six inches fell last night, and it is still snowing. And that is on top of some fifteen inches we had before. For twenty-one days the temperature has not reached melting except in brief sunny spots in the road, I believe. Some schools are closed, some highways, with heavy drifts. We long for spring and summer in Wheaton.

Flu Bug Strikes Again!

I suppose it is the flu. March 6, 7 and 8 I was in bed part of the time, missed a Sunday preaching and a few hours from the office, with a heavy cold or flu. Then back to hard work, but the after-effects of the flu are on me again; so today is the second day in bed and I am dictating these notes to my secretary. However, I have a good doctor, and am on the mend. And how grateful I am for all these healthy years of strong, uninterrupted work!

Thank You for Those Wonderful Subscriptions

Yesterday over \$1,700 came in subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD in the mail. Praise the Lord! Tuesday is usually a slack day. One day last week there were more than \$1,500 in subscriptions.

Keep them coming, dear friends, and God bless you! Assistant editor, Evangelist Walt Handford (the Veep, VP, Vice President of the Foundation and strong preacher) and I argued about the low rate of \$1 for six months. Since we must make a stencil and send renewal notices and letters for a six-month subscription just the same as for a yearly subscription, that is too cheap, less than actual cost, except that we want thousands of new friends to get acquainted with THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

And may I say humbly that this business of getting out THE SWORD OF THE LORD, spreading revival fire, defending the faith, getting people saved, is as much your work as mine. As editor, I get no salary from Sword of the Lord Foundation. Every hour of labor through these twenty-five years and more has been a labor of love, and God knows that as much as I know how, I get out THE SWORD OF THE LORD for His dear sake and without any selfish motive. How much trial and abuse and expense I would have avoided just to go on being an evangelist in great de-

mand and with thousands of open doors, without bothering with THE SWORD!

But I could not do that. Somebody must carry the burden. Paul said, "Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches" (II Cor. 11:28). And I have a right to expect godly Christian people, unselfish, spiritual Christians, to help get THE SWORD OF THE LORD around the world.

So will you not send Introductory Subscriptions to ten or more? How little the cost for such blessing! And if you can make them for one year each for \$2, it will save us money. And if these subscription lists you send in amount to ten or more, you may include your own renewal subscription for as long as you like at this rate of \$1 for six months or \$2 a year.

Forty-Five Actual Conversions in February

Yes, we got letters from forty-five people during February who wrote to tell us they found Christ as Saviour. Some were saved through sermons in THE SWORD by Dr. Monroe Parker, by Dr. Lee Roberson, and by Missionary Norman Lewis. A number wrote in Spanish to say that they had found Christ through the Spanish edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and a great number said that they found Christ through the same booklet in English.

It is an unspeakable comfort that God continues to put His blessing on THE SWORD and its literature in saving precious souls.

Besides the forty-five mentioned above who wrote themselves, one pastor wrote of two who had been saved through the literature and claimed the Lord in his church. One wrote of a boy saved in the hospital just before he died. And besides these, people were saved through efforts of Sword of the Lord workers in the Wheaton area. Many were won to Christ by them in the Chicago rescue missions, in jail services, some at Calvary Baptist Church and in house-to-house visitation, and some, of course, were saved in the editor's ministry. And long experience proves to us that for every one who writes to say that he has found Christ, there are many others who have been brought to trust in Christ and claim Him in some local church without writing to tell us about it.

If God be for us, who can be against us.

The Giant \$1 Sale Closes

Yes, April 4 the giant \$1 sale closes. Please get your orders for Sword books in the mail and postmarked not later than midnight, April 4. Every Christian needs some of these books, and we hope that you will combine with friends and get extra copies now while you can get an extra copy of *Home or Prayer* for only \$1 each if ordered at the same time with the first copy at the regular price.

Soul Winning— The Heart of Christianity

Christians Should Win Souls Because That Is the First Concern of the Lord Jesus

By John R. Rice

In an interview over Radio WMBI, Gipsy Smith was asked to comment on the statement of some people that "evangelism is out of date." He replied that evangelism could not be out of date with a Christian, and that anyone who is against evangelism is against Christianity. And he was right, for the very heart and soul of Christianity is to get sinners converted, born again, saved from sin and Hell and saved unto Christ and Heaven.

The greatest privilege of every man, woman and child in the world is to be saved. The greatest duty of everyone who is already saved is to get others saved. This is inherent in the very nature of Christianity itself.

The burden for the salvation of sinners brought Christ to this earth. There was no other immediate reason for His coming. It was the constant concern of His ministry, it was the only reason for His surrender to the crucifixion, it was the aim of His resurrection, and is now His business at the right hand of God. So any Christian who claims to be in Christ's business, who is interested in what Christ is interested in, must be a soul winner.

Let us consider, then, first, that the winning of souls was the grand purpose of Christ in coming into the world; second, that it was the purpose of His death and resurrection; third, it is His all-important concern now in Heaven; and fourth, that Christians, to follow Christ, must win souls.

I. Christ Jesus Came Into the World to Save Sinners

Many church people are much interested in "social progress," and some preachers preach what they call a "social gospel." There is much talk of "a new world order" and of making this a good world to live in. It is true that real Bible Christianity, which regenerates men who trust in Christ for salvation, does have a tendency to lift society through regenerated

Here are wonderful savings, and we hope you will take advantage of them. If this paper is delayed and reaches you after April 4, send your order the same day the paper is received and we will honor it.

Voice of Revival Broadcast; How You Can Help

We are grateful that God has raised up friends to support with regular gifts the nation-wide Voice of Revival broadcast. We are especially anxious to hear from all the friends who hear the broadcast over KCTA, 1030 on the dial, from Corpus Christi, Texas. That 50,000-watt station can be heard all along the coast and up in central Texas, we think.

Noble Christian men, with a burden to get out the Gospel through this broadcast, are paying the radio fees on certain stations in Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, British Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and another is planning to pay the broadcast fee for a new station in Maryland. You might be able to get Voice of Revival broadcast on your local station without pay. We will furnish the broadcast on tape. Or a local church or a committee of men could arrange to pay the broadcast fee regularly and sponsor this half-hour gospel program on some of your local stations. Will you prayerfully consider that? Everybody can pray, and how we need your prayers! And the \$1,600 of expenses each week must be paid. Only many regular gifts can keep this gospel program reaching millions of people.

Write us, telling on which station you hear the program, whether it comes in well or not. Pray for us, and if God puts it on your heart, have some regular part in the heavy expenses.

We want your letters. Address John R. Rice, Voice of Revival, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

men. There are wonderful by-products of Christianity, including social progress. But all of these things are incidental; they are by-products and nothing more in the aim and purpose of the Lord Jesus in coming into this world. He did not come to raise the status of womanhood. He did not come to stop child labor. He did not come to establish labor unions nor co-operative marketing associations. He did not come to found schools, to establish democracy, nor to promote civilization, the arts and sciences.

No, Christ came into this world to save sinners! To teach anything else is a perversion of Christianity. The Bible teaches that the whole human race is fallen, is guilty, and every individual must be converted, born again, if he would ever see God in peace. The Bible teaches that an eternal Hell of torment is the inevitable doom of every individual who does not get saved, and that Jesus Christ came into the world for this very purpose of keeping people out of Hell and getting them into Heaven!

Notice some of the plain statements of the Scripture!

1. His very name, Jesus, means Saviour. The angel of the Lord appeared to troubled Joseph who was minded to put Mary away privately, not knowing that her child was conceived of the Holy Ghost. The angel said to Joseph, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). The whole life work of Christ on earth was to be summed up in this name, "Jesus." The name Jesus means Saviour, Deliverer; and the angel explained that the reason Jesus was to be given this name was "for he shall save his people from their sins."

2. The angel announced Him to the shepherds as a Saviour. To the shepherds watching their flocks the first Christmas night, when Christ was born, an angel appeared and said, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11). The news is not that a teacher is born, not a leader of civilization, not a good example, not one who brings a new order of society, but simply a Saviour! Jesus Christ was announced as a Saviour. And that is the good news to all people which we ought to tell.

3. John the Baptist testified that Christ came to take away the sins of the world. In John 1:29 are these words, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus taught, but He was not primarily a teacher. Jesus healed, but He was not primarily a healer. Jesus fed the multitudes, but He did not come to feed them. He came as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." This is the central fact of Christianity! This makes soul winning the most important thing in the universe.

4. This is why God gave His Son. In John 3:16, that classic verse on salvation, God has a meaning most Christians have never noticed. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God gave His Son in order "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish." There it is, as clear as Divine Writ can make it. God's motive and plan in giving His Son was that sinners might trust him and not perish, but have everlasting life.

You can see, then, that everything else connected with Chris-

Grace Bible Institute President Dies

Dr. Joseph W. Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska, died on Saturday night, February 13, at the age of 38 after almost five years of consecrated and active service as president of the school. Death was caused by a brain tumor.

Under the able leadership of President Schmidt, the Grace Bible Institute experienced a marked increase in enrollment, the construction and dedication of the new Grace Chapel, the liquidation of the school debt of long standing, the stabilization of the school operating budget and the starting of a building fund for a new men's dormitory.

Dr. Schmidt left behind a wife and five children whose ages range from 4 to 14. They will remain in Omaha for the present.

tianity and the churches and the Gospel down through the years is purely incidental in the mind and plan of God. God's purpose was that people might be saved, and for that reason alone He gave His Son. This purpose of the Father is further expressed by the Lord Jesus in John 6:40, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." What is the will of the Father? That everyone may trust in Christ and have everlasting life! That is what Jesus came for.

5. Jesus repeatedly stated that His office in the world was simply to save souls. In Luke 19:10, in explaining why He saved Zacchaeus, the publican, Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." That is what He came for. Again in John 12:47 He said, "For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." Jesus said that He was the Good Shepherd who giveth His life for the sheep (John 10:14, 15). He said that He was the way, the only way to the Father and Heaven (John 14:6). Jesus came to save sinners. In all His ministry that was the thing foremost in His mind and in His efforts.

6. Paul, too, proclaimed that the only reason for the incarnation and life of Christ was to save sinners. In I Timothy 1:15 Paul said, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

We can well see, then, that the coming of Christ into this world was altogether for the purpose of saving sinners. How close is this matter to the heart of God and of Christ!

II. The Death and Resurrection of Christ Was Soley to Save Sinners

Calvary is inferred in John 3:16. The sacrificial death of Christ is necessarily implied when He is called "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And Jesus clearly referred to His death when He said, "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." But there are many clear statements that the death of Christ and His resurrection have one clear meaning only; to redeem and save and justify sinners.

First Corinthians 15:3 tells us, "That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." And that is the Gospel, Paul says by divine inspiration, along with the fact that "he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." There is no meaning in the death of Christ, in His resurrection, except the soul-saving Gospel.

In Romans 5:6 we are told, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." That is the meaning of the death of Christ—He died for the ungodly. Again in Romans 5:8 we read, "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." First Peter 1:19 tells us that we have been

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Kids KORNER

By Aunt Mary

How happy our mail has made us this last week! Do you who live in the country run to the mail box when the mailman has driven by to see what he has left? Or do you go to meet him at the road? Everyone loves to get mail, doesn't he? And that is just the way I feel when I run down to the Sword office, and look for your letters which have come in that day.

A good Christian teacher, Miss Wilma Templeton, wrote to tell us how much her twenty-nine little first and second graders have enjoyed her reading aloud *Bird Life in Winton*, from *Kids Korner*. She says, "I wish you could see how thrilled they are when I pick up the Sword for a story! My, how they enjoy them. I appreciate this aid because my aim each day is to let Christ be seen in the school room and elsewhere. . . . I have been teaching little ones for seven years." How we have enjoyed thinking of that class of little ones in Crossville, Tennessee, as they sit attentively listening to that fascinating story.

And an American friend, Mrs. Ralph Brady of Erie, Pennsylvania, shared with us her letter from a new Sword Bearer member. Mrs. Brady paid the membership fees for six of the eleven Philippine children of Pastor Montilla. Zenaída, who wrote for the whole family in the Philippine Islands, told us how much

she and her brothers and sisters have enjoyed reading *Bird Life in Winton* too. Because they work out of doors in fields growing rice and corn and sweet potatoes, perhaps they more often get to watch birds closely than you do and can appreciate the comparisons more. Their daddy is a preacher who travels between several towns to preach the Gospel. The children sometimes go with him to sing gospel songs, and help tell the story of Jesus. They all love the Lord Jesus and want to serve Him! Their daddy reminds them, perhaps when they complain, that they are poor but that the Lord Jesus was poorer.

You remember He said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20). And the Montilla family do have a home, though it may not be as comfortable as many of you live in.

We do welcome these six Montillas to our Sword Bearers Club.

Have you been faithful this week in reading your Bible and in praying? Do you wear your gold sword pin to remind you that you are a soldier of Jesus Christ? I hope it helps you to serve the Lord better, to remember to obey parents and teachers.

Now read our *Bird Life in Winton* story.

A Little Bird Shall Lead Them



On Saturday Sammy and Susie were as busy as could be.

Two little yellow birds were feeling very blue as they flew home from church. It was something Pastor Penguin had said in his sermonette. Of course he had not meant to make any of them feel blue. He had simply reminded them that next Sunday would be Mother's Day and had promised them each a little framed picture of the First Birdarian Church if they would bring their parents with them to church on that day.

Of course Pastor Penguin knew that in the good old days parents brought their children to church, but in these modern times that plan doesn't always work, so he has to call upon the children to help him train up their parents in the way in which they should go. Naturally, every little bird wanted to win one of the pictures, and the majority of them were quite enthusiastic about Pastor Penguin's idea; but not Sammy and Susie Goldfinch. Because, you see, their parents seldom ever attended church, and Sammy and Susie didn't know what to do about it.

"What do you suppose is the matter with Daddy and Mother?" said Sammy. "They are not bad birds. And they believe in the church because they want us to go, but they don't go themselves." "Yes," said Susie, "and they used to go. I was with Mother when she met Pastor Penguin on the street a few days ago. She talked so very nice to him and when he mentioned coming to church she said, 'I suppose we have just gotten out of the habit.'"

"I think I know the real reason," said Sammy. "Mother and Daddy are both so busy that church has been crowded out.

Daddy has to scratch so hard to make a living for us, and Mother has so much to do taking care of our nest and keeping the cat away from our tree."

"If that is the reason," said Susie, "there's something we can do about it."

"What do you mean?" asked Sammy.

Then and there they cooked up a little plan—or since they were birds, perhaps I should say, they "hatched" it!

Guess what it was!

Well, Saturday afternoon Sammy and Susie were as busy as could be down in the woods. Playing? No! That was what their mother thought they were doing. But as a matter of fact, they were working! Scratching for worms and bugs? Yes, but not eating them. Instead, they were dropping them into a tin can carefully hidden in some tall grass near the trunk of a well-marked tree. There was another can in which they collected seeds and bread crumbs, for which they hunted far and wide.

They were two tired little birds when they flew in that night for supper. But their eyes were shining and their hearts light.

Their feathers were shining too,

Original Sin

We heard a colored preacher in Chicago relate a parable to illustrate the hereditary nature of sin and its essential tendency before grace brings about the change. He said a snake and a frog spent the winter together, hibernating in a den that belonged to the frog. When the warm showers of spring began to fall they came back to their normal life and the snake said to the frog, "I am going to bite you. Then the frog queried, what harm have I ever done to you, and why are you going to bite me? The snake replied, no harm at all, I have no reason, but it's my nature. I can't help it, I am going to bite you."

because they had stopped their work fifteen minutes early and had finished their Saturday night bath before their mother called them to supper. Even their daddy noticed how clean they were when he started to remind them, as usual, to go wash their faces.

"Too late this time," said Sammy, "we've already had our bath."

"And mother didn't help us either," added Susie.

"And we're clean, too," said Sammy, holding his head to one side to show his ears.

"And right after supper we are going to brush our bills and go to bed early."

Mr. Goldfinch couldn't stand it any longer. "What in the world has come over you children?" He even laid down a nice fat bug to ask the question. "This is certainly a new schedule for Saturday night!"

"Yes, and we have a new schedule worked out for tomorrow too," said Sammy.

"What do you mean?" said Mr. Goldfinch. "Aren't you and Susie going to Sunday School and church?"

"Yes, we are," chirped Susie, "and you and Mother are going with us."

Then both little birds told their parents about Pastor Penguin's request, and Mother's Day and the prize pictures.

"Can't I buy you a couple of those pictures?" asked Mr. Goldfinch.

"What will I do about breakfast and dinner?" sighed Mrs. Goldfinch.

"No, you cannot," said Sammy to his daddy. "We want to win them like the other little birds will do."

"And we have the answer to your question too, Mother," said Susie, "if you and daddy will fly down to the woods with us for a minute after supper."

By this time they were through, so down to the woods they flew for the big surprise—the two cans in the tall grass beside the tree.

"See," said Susie, "a can of cereal for breakfast."

"And a can of meat for dinner," added Sammy. "Now will you go with us and help us win the pictures?"

For a moment Daddy and Mother Goldfinch were silent, hardly knowing whether to laugh or cry.

"Of course, we'll go with you," said Daddy Goldfinch. "You have won your pictures and your mother and daddy too!"

"I think we have two of the sweetest and most thoughtful children in the world," added Mother Goldfinch.

That night Susie added something new to her prayer as her mother and daddy stood beside the nest listening—"Dear God, thank you for such a happy day, and most of all thank you that Mother and Daddy are going with us to church tomorrow."

So no one is missing from the Goldfinch pew in the First Birdarian Church of Winton this morning—all four Goldfinches are so happy together, that they plan to try the same schedule every Sunday from now on. The only thing I do not know is which one of the four is the happiest! Something tells me that they're going to enjoy their Sunday dinner too!

(From BIRD LIFE IN WINTON, by Rev. J. Calvin Reid. The thirteenth of thirty chapters to appear regularly in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Read them to your children. The whole book may be purchased for \$1.50 from Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois. Add 15c for postage and handling.)

INCIDENTS

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Southern Baptists Go Hollywood

Bible-believing members of the Southern Baptist Convention, especially around Winston-Salem, North Carolina, are hanging their heads even a few inches lower than usual these days. It seems that Wake Forest College, a Southern Baptist school, has turned over its beautiful campus (built by dedicated Baptist tithe money) to be the locale of one of Twentieth Century Fox's "top-budgeted" pictures of 1960. The film will star Bing Crosby, Rock 'n' Roller Fabian and Carol Lindley.

This is the same Baptist school where students jitterbugged out of a chapel service in protest to a dancing ban. One wonders why the ministers who rose up in indignation to protest dancing on the campus—and caused it to be banned—do not rise up in protest over this latest unholy alliance with the Devil's crowd!

Perhaps they will!

Murder Research

Dr. Marvin E. Wolfgang, a University of Pennsylvania sociologist, made an exhaustive study of every criminal homicide in Philadelphia from 1948 through 1952—a total of 588 murders—to find out when and where the killings took place, the weapons used, the motives involved and the relationship between killer and victim.

Dr. Wolfgang found, as would be expected, that alcohol is a leading factor in homicide. His study showed that the most dangerous day for homicide is Saturday and that the most dangerous hours are from 8 p. m. to 2 a. m.—the period known as "the Devil's night" because of the excessive drinking done during that time. Dr. Wolfgang's statistics also showed that in 64 per cent of the murders, one or both of those involved (killer and victim) had been drinking, and usually it was both.

Yes, "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. . . . At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23:29, 30, 32).

(Incidentally, after I had dictated the above item, I turned the newspaper clipping over and noted that the reverse side was advertising "Old Stagg, Kentucky's top bourbon." The fancy advertisement

said, "There is no gift like bourbon—no bourbon like Old Stagg." Of course, it all depends on whether you want to give your loved one a bottle of homicide or not—if you do, you may be the victim!)

A Movie Man's Confession

Sam L. Irvin, retiring as president of the Theater Owners of North and South Carolina, took "one last swing at over-sexed movies" before stepping down. The movie man's admission, quoted in the *Charlotte Observer*, said:

"All of us recognize the need of elevating the level of adult movies to the needs of a mature audience.

"But producers now seem to be going out of their way to inject sex into their stories—when it is not essential to the story itself.

"And the same thing goes for profanity.

"The producers seem to be going overboard on these things, and it seems to me it's up to us to take a stand on these matters."

Movies are worse than ever!

Note to all star-struck teenagers who have acting aspirations: *VARIETY* reports that actor's equity has 11,280 members—only 1,878 of which are employed!

The Fountain of Youth

Man today, like Ponce de Leon of old, is still searching for the fountain of eternal youth. Recently a Romanian doctor announced the discovery of a drug, known as H. 3, which is supposed to keep people from growing old. Prof. Anna Aslan announced the news of the drug's discovery in a lecture in London. Health minister Derek Walker-Smith told Parliament that the claim had no proof. The *British Medical Journal* just laughed!

However, there is a fountain of eternal youth from which any one may drink and never thirst again. That fountain is Christ! He said in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He told the fallen woman at the well of Sychar, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

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—Spurgeon

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I quote from a letter from a graduate of Bob Jones University: "When I came to Bob Jones University, I was seventeen and was very mixed up about religion. My mother belonged to a — religious group. I really was born on a sort of 'religious seesaw' and grew up torn with doubt about the right course to take. Only a few days on campus gave me a new insight as to what Christianity in action really was like. I had wonderful friends and roommates and understanding teachers. If I had not come to Bob Jones University, I might never have found the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour."

My friends, if you could just read the letters that come to our desks, you would understand why we cannot grow "weary in well doing" here on Bob Jones University campus. The Lord is blessing the school now as never

before, and we want to thank you good, old-time, Bible-believing Christians for your prayers and your interest in the work. We want to thank you friends who have invested some of the Lord's money in the work here. Won't you keep helping us by praying for us, and by turning the right kind of students toward Bob Jones University, and by helping us financially?

The lady from whose letter we quoted above was in Bob Jones University ten years ago. She is now the mother of three children, and she is a Christian mother. If you could just know what God is doing through this institution, you would want to have a part in it. Please let us hear from you. Thank you, and God bless you.

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Again the Revised Standard Version

A Hebrew Scholar Face to Face With Dr. Luther A. Weigle

By Jacob Gartenhaus, D.D.

Some years ago Bible-believing Christians were shocked to learn that the much heralded new Revised Standard Version of the Bible in English contained many new creations which resulted from interpretation rather than translation — innovations which seemed to have been intended to undermine some of the main bastions of the Christian faith. I, as a Hebrew Christian, was doubly shocked. Since the early age of five years, when I was initiated into the study of the Hebrew Bible, I have continued studying the Hebrew Bible all my life; and the new-fangled translations of some Hebrew words (as far as I know Hebrew) found in this Revised Standard Version of the Bible made it appear to be but a distortion or perversion rather than a version. And as a Christian missionary I was the more shocked because the new translation could not be entirely attributed to ignorance but rather to a desire to introduce "liberal" ideas into the "old-fashioned" faith.

Unbelieving Jews See That the R.S.V. Is Against the Deity of Jesus

Several Jewish people approached me triumphantly after its publication saying, "Now you see, even your own Christians admit that the former versions of the Hebrew Scripture were a deliberate attempt to falsify their meaning in order to justify the Christian religion."

When preaching the Gospel to the Jews, I always try to prove to them that their Old Testament prophecies concerning their own Messiah were minutely fulfilled in Jesus. These included prophecies of His divinity, sonship, the virgin birth, etc. But now up comes a body of Christian scholars, authorized and sponsored by the National Council of Churches, with a "revised translation" of the Bible which practically deletes all these doctrines from the Old Testament. To me, this perversion of Scripture deals a vicious blow at the very heart of the Christian faith.



Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus

In my dealings with the Jewish people I have always been able to refer to the Old Testament to prove the messiahship of Jesus, because the great Jewish exponents of the Bible understood the Hebrew text as did the "old-fashioned" translators.

"Bar" in Hebrew Does Not Mean "Feet"

The two passages in the Old Testament which came up most frequently in our discussions were Psalm 2:12: "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him," and Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Although in Hebrew the words "nashku-bar" have generally been understood to mean "Kiss the Son," the Revised Standard Version translates it, "Kiss his feet." If these translators were so anxious to strike out all references in the Old Testament to the Son, why in the world did they have to substitute the word "feet"? Only a far-fetched imagination could make the word "bar" mean "feet."

Why Go Against Jewish Scholars and Matthew 1:23 to Deny "Almah" Means Virgin?

In the passage in Isaiah, the Hebrew word "almah" has through the centuries been understood to mean "virgin." At the time of Isaiah when God wanted to give a sign that an "almah" would bear a child, it surely meant a "virgin"—otherwise what was the sign, where was the miracle? Bear in mind that the Septuagint, the Greek translation, which was done in 270 B. C. by seventy Jewish scholars who knew their Hebrew as well as if not better than these modern "scholars," translated "almah" as "parthenos" which means "virgin." And Matthew, in Matthew 1:23, used this passage in Isaiah 7:14 to show how the prophecy of the virgin birth referred to Jesus who was born of the Virgin Mary. Matthew was a Jew, lived among Jews and wrote his Gospel for Jews (at least also for Jews), and evidently everyone in his time understood that "almah" meant "virgin." (But most important of all, God inspired Matthew to translate "almah" in Hebrew as "parthenos" in the Greek New Testament, or "virgin"—Editor.)

Now since our "liberal" scholars of the Revised Standard Version do not find such miracles compatible with modern thought, they have substituted "young woman" for "virgin." This is not far from the truth; but it is only half truth. (As, for example, you may say that a "widow" is a "woman" but you do not tell the whole

meaning; you do not say what kind of woman.) "Almah" does suggest youth but it also indicates a certain kind of youth; it indicates a maiden who is a virgin. There is another word in Hebrew which generally (not always) means "virgin," and that is "bethulah"; but this may be also an old "virgin."

"Almah" is derived from a root which means something covered, hidden, secret—in short, a "virgin." On the other hand, "bethulah" may also mean a married woman, as in Joel 1:8. During the hundreds of years that elapsed between Abraham (see Genesis 24:16, etc.) and the prophet Joel, the meaning of some Hebrew words may have undergone slight changes, as does every language through the centuries. But the fact remains that before the time of Christ and through the centuries that followed, "almah" meant a "virgin."

I mention here just these two passages (of "virgin" and "son") because their revision in the Revised Standard Version caused me (and other missionaries to the Jews) much grief and embarrassment. But there are many other such "liberal" free translations which are interpretations of the "liberal" kind rather than translations.

To my mind this Revised Standard Version, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, has done much harm to the faith. And the faithful have not done enough to publicize the great dangers that are in store for those who rely on its interpretation, because they innocently think that it has the sanction of the "churches."

A Conversation With Dr. Weigle, Chairman of R.S.V. Translators

For a long time I have been hoping to be able to discuss this Revised Standard Version with those responsible for it and, if possible, get them to realize the error of their translation and amend it. That opportunity came unexpectedly.

While crossing the Atlantic Ocean, I was glancing over the passenger list and noticed the name of Dr. Luther A. Weigle. I called at his cabin, introduced myself, and asked whether he was the Dr. Weigle who was chairman of the committee which produced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. When he replied that he was, I told him that I had been wanting to discuss this new Bible with someone in authority. He then introduced me to another gentleman who was sharing his cabin, Dr. Knuff, the editor of several of the publications of the National Council of Churches.

"Frankly," I said, "as missionary to my people for many years, I was quite shocked when I looked up several passages in your translation. While I do not claim to be among the greatest of scholars, I know enough Hebrew to be able to judge the correctness of its translation. For years, in my dealings with rabbis and other leaders, when they would throw up to me the fact that Judaism cannot believe in a Trinity, that the Old Testament makes no reference to a Son of God in which Christians believe, I would quote Psalm 2:7: 'I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee... Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their

trust in him,' and Proverbs 30:4: 'Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?' They had no come-back to this.

I asked Dr. Weigle why the words, "Kiss the Son," were given another meaning in this translation when all great Jewish commentators and translators, from antiquity up to the present time, understood "nashku-bar" to mean, "Kiss the Son."

I then asked him why in Isaiah 7:14 the word "almah" was translated "young woman" instead of "virgin," when the seventy great Jewish scholars before Christ who translated the Old Testament into Greek translated "almah" as "virgin" (in Greek: "parthenos"). "It would seem to me," I said, "that those men were better qualified to translate than any of today's scholars."

I also asked Dr. Weigle why a Jew, who does not accept any of the Old Testament prophecies as pointing to Christ, was permitted to be on the translating committee.

Things began to get a little hot, and so I added, "Dr. Weigle, it is not my intention to engage in any unpleasant controversy. I am merely seeking information. You will pardon me for bringing up this subject. After years of searching for the truth, carefully going over all the prophecies concerning the Messiah, I was convinced that Jesus was, beyond any shadow of doubt, the One of whom Moses wrote in the Law and all the prophets did write. In Him I found the fulfillment of all the hopes and aspirations for which my heart had been longing. And I had to pay dearly for my newfound faith. I had to give up almost everything I held near and dear—parents, other loved ones, friends, and position. And along come your liberal 'scholars' and make light of all of it, as if to say, 'You have searched in vain, you have suffered in vain. The prophets did not prophesy concerning Jesus, and Jesus did not fulfill their prophecies.' You see, Dr. Weigle, what a blow your version is to me personally."

Dr. Knuff promised to send me some private information as to the Council's interests, while Dr. Weigle likewise promised to send me information that would enlighten me. Dr. Knuff did send me an article which, by the way, did not answer my question, but to date I have not heard from Dr. Weigle. And I am still waiting for an answer to my questions.

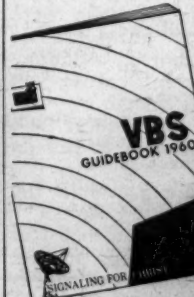
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Paths to Ruin for a Preacher

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I. Don't Be Afraid of Men

Proverbs 29:25 tells us, "The fear of man bringeth a snare." This was certainly true in Saul's case, for we read in I Samuel 15:24 that Saul "feared the people, and obeyed their voice" rather than God's when he saved Agag, the king of the Amalekites, and the Amalekites' sheep and oxen. Peter feared a servant girl and with oaths and curses denied knowing his Lord. Later he feared the Jews in Galatia and stopped eating with Gentile Christians because of the Jews' criticism (Gal. 2:12-14). Yes, sadly we would have to say that the fear of man will bring a snare and ruin God's man.

What we need today is preachers who have a prophet's vision and a prophet's message. When God commissioned Jeremiah, He said, "Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth" (Jer. 1:7-9). Jeremiah was straightly warned not to fear the people and plainly told that he had a message direct from Heaven.

And again when God commissioned Ezekiel He said, "And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious" (Ezek. 2:6, 7). Ezekiel likewise was commanded not to fear the people but to speak whatever God said.

Something of this prophet's vision was true of the Apostle Paul who said in Galatians 1:1, "Paul, an apostle, not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ . . ." He went on to say in verse 10, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

And in I Peter 4:11 we read, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God . . ." Brother, we need a new vision in the pulpit today! We need men with a certain sense of urgency who fear no one but God and who feel, in a particular sense, they have a message directly from God. I wonder what Jeremiah and Isaiah and Ezekiel and Paul and the other prophets of God think as they look and see in so many, many instances that instead of a prophet of God in the pulpit we have a little Lord Fauntleroy, a sissy breeches, a panty-waist who is afraid to stand up and preach what God tells him to preach.

You had better face the fact that you will kill yourself trying to please everyone. You simply can't do it, so decide to please God and let the chips fall where they will about others. If you let your deacons bluff you out or let some hatchet-faced woman's society leader wrap you around her finger, you will never be much good in the pulpit! If you let them lead you around by the nose and jump everytime they yell "frog," you will not be God's man when you preach.

I was with one pastor for a revival and every morning at breakfast time he received a call from one of the women in the congregation. She let the pastor know who ought to be visited that day and just about what she felt he ought to do all day long. Don't you dare let some woman in your church tell you what to do and how you ought to preach!

A young preacher came to a Sword conference a number of years ago and had his life revolutionized by the preaching. He had been whipped out by a bunch of unspiritual and cantankerous leaders in his church. The first Sunday after the conference closed, he went back to his church and announced to his people that they had a new pastor, that his life had been revolutionized, and henceforth he was going to be God's man in the pulpit. Then he said, "And Brother So and So, don't let me ever hear you again pray the prayer you have been praying, 'Lord, bless our servant, the pastor.' I am no longer your servant, I am God's servant." And God blessed this young pastor for his bold stand.

You will never be what you ought to be as a preacher unless you keep your people just a little bit scared of you. A preacher ought to be warm-hearted and friendly, but unless you are more than simply just a pal to your people or a kind of a big brother, you will not succeed. Your people ought to be just a little bit afraid of what you are going to do next and have a godly fear of you as being God's man and under direct orders from Him. You don't need to be a nut and cross people for no good reason, but make sure you are right, that you know what God wants, and then go ahead in a bold stand.

When I was a young pastor we were building a church, and three men on the building committee decided that we did not need a baptistry in the church. In this particular church, folk had come from many different denominational backgrounds, but had voted unanimously on believer's baptism by immersion only. I knew that the only way to keep folks sold on what the Scripture said was to make much of the baptismal services and put them in the main services of the church where folk would see them and be blessed. But these three fellows had different ideas. When I approached them about the matter, they said, "Well, Pastor, we figured that we could use the baptistry of another church and not have to spend the money on one of our own." I explained to them why I thought we ought to have the baptistry in the church, but they still were opposed to it.

"Then we will take the matter to the people and let them decide," I said.

"Don't do that," they objected. "You will tear

up the church."

I assured them it wouldn't tear up the church, but reminded them if it did, they were the ones to blame, not I. I called a church meeting for Sunday morning and preached that morning on "Saved and Baptized." I showed them from Scripture after Scripture that in the New Testament folk were baptized as soon as they were saved. I showed that to take the baptismal service out of our own church would be removing one of the most blessed services out of our building into someone else's. Also I reminded them that the folk who needed the teaching would not be on hand at somebody else's church to witness the beautiful baptismal service.

At the business meeting which followed the service, the vote was unanimous to put in our own baptistry regardless of the cost. (Strangely enough, the three men who had opposed me so vigorously volunteered to see that the baptistry was built!)

Preacher, don't you dare be afraid of the people in your congregation or in your community! If you are to be God's man, you must fear Him alone.

II. Dare to Be Different

A second path to ruin for a preacher is that of conforming to this world's standards. A prophet of God must get his standards from the Bible and from God Himself. In I Kings 18 we read of Obadiah who was a conforming and compromising man of God. Though the Scripture plainly tells us that he feared the Lord, yet he feared Ahab and Jezebel more and kowtowed to them. He was afraid to be different. He was afraid to take a stand for God and was afraid to cross this wicked king and queen.

How strikingly different from Obadiah was Elijah, the man of God who boldly called down fire from Heaven, who delivered Israel from following after Baal, who had God's message and was particularly God's man. It is interesting that God chose to speak through Elijah and not through that sissy Obadiah.

Sad is the word that Paul leaves for us in II Timothy 4:10 when he says, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world . . ." Paul was a radical. Paul was willing to be a nut and a fool for Jesus' sake. Paul was stoned and left for dead. Paul went to prison for his testimony. But this kind of life didn't appeal to Demas, and he forsook Paul and went along with the crowd. Demas was a conformist. He was afraid to be different.

And this is one of the dangers or snares that face every preacher today. I believe a preacher ought to be as well trained as possible for his job. Any young man who feels called of God to preach probably ought to go to a good Bible school or Christian college. God does not usually bless intentional ignorance. But while Christian education is important, there are dangers to be faced. A young preacher may go to school with a fervent desire to see people saved but come out of school with a cold, dead, intellectual slant which ruins his preaching. On the other hand, unless a young preacher is careful, education can so warp and stunt his personality that he will leave school simply a "nobody" poured into a plaster mold, conforming to a set of standards and not daring to be different for God. God is not looking for a bunch of little carbon copies run out of a "preacher mill." God is looking for individuals willing to be themselves, daring to be different for Him.

Look in the Bible record and you will find that God's men through the ages have dared to be different, have dared to be unusual. John the Baptist was different from the way he dressed on through the way he preached. He feared no one from the king on down, even though it cost his life. Paul was different! He was highly trained but was himself yielded completely to God, lock, stock, and barrel. He preached himself into jail, then prayed himself out. And the world is still looking for preachers today who are willing to be different, who are willing to be themselves for God.

Here is an interesting thing. I have often said that God needs more John the Baptists, more Apostle Pauls, more Billy Sundays, more D. L. Moody's. In a certain sense, of course, this is true. He needs men today with the same devotion, with the same abandonment to Christ, with the same daring and boldness of these men. But there is another sense in which God is not looking for carbon copies even of these men. God has made us all different. We have individual personalities. And God wants you to be yourself, not simply a copy of someone else.

You might kill yourself and your ministry trying merely to be like somebody else. In Acts 19:11-15 we read of the seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew. These fellows watched Paul and saw how that he was able to do miracles by the power of God, casting out evil spirits and healing the sick. These seven boys decided they would be like Paul and do the same thing he was doing. They found a demon-possessed man and cried out over him, "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth," and commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. "And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded." They had the outward form of Paul's power but not the power itself.

Spirit-filled men of God oftentimes do things that would seem audacious and overspectacular, but which under God's leading are exactly the things to do. But you had better be dead sure that in trying to duplicate the things which they do you have the power and the wisdom of God with you. Too often a person will copy the little outward details of a great preacher without finding

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Philadelphia Pastor Reviews Carnell Book

We are glad to publish a letter from our dear friend, Dr. Andrew Telford of Philadelphia, reviewing the book by Dr. Edward John Carnell, of Fuller Theological Seminary, which book has distressed so many good Christians and has been reviewed unfavorably by most of the fundamental Christian magazines in recent months.

Readers will remember that October 30 an extensive review was published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD with more than thirty extensive quotations, showing that the book called *The Case for Orthodox Theology* really attacks fundamentalists, teaches that not all the Bible is equally inspired, speaks for organic evolution, insists on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, denounces fundamentalists for being against the dance and the movies and liquor, says the perils of orthodoxy includes fundamentalism, separatism, and dispensationalism.

The review of this controversial book by Dr. John Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, in the *Moody Monthly* for February is very fine. So is the review by Dr. Ryrie, president of Philadelphia Bible College, in the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, and the review by Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., and Dr. Laird Harris in the *Bible Presbyterian Reporter*. So is the review by Dr. MacRae, president of Faith Seminary, adopted by the Bible Presbyterian Synod and published in the *Christian Beacon*. *Christian Victory* magazine is publishing a strong review by the editor, Dr. John Meldau, a copy of which we have seen.

Readers will remember that THE SWORD OF THE LORD suggested that a panel of five Christian scholars should be selected to examine Dr. Carnell's book, and THE SWORD OF THE LORD review of the book, and if these scholars should agree that this editor was wrong on even one point of seven charges against the book, he would make public apology, and if as many as five of the charges were found to be true by the panel of scholars, Dr.

Carnell would resign and Fuller Seminary would make public apology for the harm he has done. Thus far the Seminary has not even answered that invitation.

Again we make the suggestion



Rev. Andrew Telford

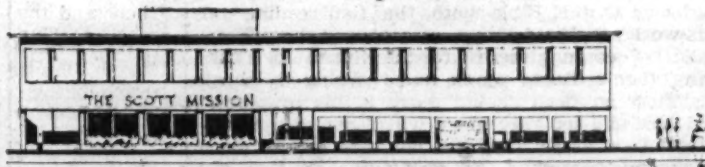
that the Seminary select widely trusted and well-known Christian scholars not connected with Fuller Seminary to carefully survey Dr. Carnell's book. Or if they like, THE SWORD OF THE LORD will select two and they may select two and the four judges then may select a fifth one. And suppose we agree that only a unanimous decision of the panel of scholars would be binding. I do not know any way we could make a fairer offer.

We are glad to have Dr. Telford's letter. He is a great evangelistic preacher and Bible teacher, pastor of the famous Berachah Church in Philadelphia (present address, 400 Ashbourne Road, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania). He has been for years a teacher in Philadelphia Bible College. He is one of the most useful and trusted Bible conference speakers in the East.

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Paths to Ruin for a Preacher

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the essential things which really made that man great.

I used to have great fun barking at dogs and watching them run or bristle up for a fight. My sister's ten-year-old boy thought that that would be great fun and decided to try it himself. We were at a church picnic and a cocker spaniel was tied by a very short leash to one of the benches. Bill put his face right down against the dog's face and proceeded to bark like I had done. The only trouble was that the dog reached out and bit him in the face. Fortunately he was more dismayed and embarrassed than he was hurt. He said later that he was only doing what I always had done, and wondered why it didn't work for him. He failed to realize that I was more careful about the dogs I chose to bark at, and how close I got my face to theirs!

Dare to be yourself in the pulpit! Many preachers ruin their effectiveness by adopting a ministerial twang or ministerial voice in the pulpit which is not their natural voice but sounds "put on." People will tend to believe that if your voice is "put on" in the pulpit your message is also a sham. Get rid of mannerisms, clichés, and gestures which are put on and not yourself. One of the things that tightens up many preachers in the pulpit and makes it so they cannot preach with freedom and power is that they feel they must act in a certain way, talk in a certain way, and preach in a certain way which is not their natural self. Get loosened up in the pulpit! Be yourself!

III. Don't Get Puffed Up

Well does the Scripture remind especially us preachers, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12), and "Pride goeth before destruction" (Prov. 16:18). Many a preacher who could not be ensnared by the Devil through money or women or other temptations can be snared by pride. When a man gets too big for his breeches and proud and arrogant, God oftentimes has to put him on the shelf because he has lost his usefulness. When it begins to be "big preacher" and "little God," when a preacher begins to brag and say, "Look what I've done," then look out, because ruin is likely to come.

One of Saul's problems which led to his downfall was pride. It caused Samuel to say in I Samuel 15:17, "When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?" When Saul was anointed to be king, though he stood head and shoulders above the crowd, he was timid and bashful, and when the time came for the anointing, was off hidden and had to be searched out. But soon success and honor went to his head and pride led to his downfall. When he died David said, "How are the mighty fallen!" (II Sam. 1:19). Many a pulpit giant has gone down the path of pride to ruin just like Saul.

We read of King Uzziah, "And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction" (II Chron. 26:15, 16). Pride led to Uzziah's ruin, for God punished him with leprosy which finally killed him.

In III John 9 we are reminded that Diotrephes "loveth to have the preeminence" and thus was not useful for God. In I Corinthians 1:26-29 God shows us that He has chosen the foolish things of this world, the base things, to confound the mighty. And the reason given in this Scripture for God's using very ordinary people and choosing the weak is, "That no flesh should glory in his presence." God has told us, "My glory will I not give to another" (Isa. 42:8). God will not take second place to a proud, haughty, arrogant preacher. You had better take time to remember the pit from which God saved you. Don't ever get very far away from your conversion experience. Recognize that but for the grace of God, you would be burning in Hell for your miserable, wicked, sinful heart. Oh, the wreckage in the ministry of men who were talented and gifted, but who let their talents and their gifts go to their heads, and pride became their ruin!

IV. Laziness Can Ruin Your Ministry

As I preached this message in a Bible conference a preacher-friend of mine said, "Don't put my sin of laziness there with all those terrible sins." But unfortunately, laziness takes an awful toll among preachers. The insidious thing about laziness is that it is not as apparent as the sin of running off with a deacon's wife or getting into some awful moral scrape. A preacher can still be outwardly acceptable, yet be lazy as a hound dog and have his ministry ruined. Laziness had a part in Peter's denying the Lord. He slept instead of praying. Praying is hard work and Peter was not up to the hard work at the moment. So he was unprepared for the temptations later that night.

One of the reasons why laziness so easily tempts a preacher to ruin is that he has no boss but God. He doesn't punch a timecard. He oftentimes does not keep regular office hours and, therefore, does not rigidly discipline himself as he should. Not many have been taught the discipline of hard work. Sometimes this laziness is revealed in the preaching when instead of having a message direct from Heaven, all that a pastor has on Sunday is a warmed-over sermon from Spurgeon or Moody or some other preacher's printed message.

Preparing sermons is hard work. One of the hardest jobs that I ever do is to prepare a message. I have to discipline myself to do it. Even the discipline of writing out this message is very difficult. And yet one of the great secrets of sermon preparation is the hard, diligent work and study necessary to prepare a good message that will touch hearts. Without the agonizing and Bible study and the waiting on God which are all hard work, a preacher will not be what he ought to be in the pulpit.

Our people come to church to hear a message

from Heaven, but too often go back home disappointed and disillusioned because the preacher was not anointed and prepared. O God, give us preachers who will have a message straight from Heaven when they come to their pulpits on Sunday. Don't you dare go to the pulpit without having something fresh from God to give to hungry people!

But even a greater area where preachers tend to be lazy is in the matter of visitation. A preacher must keep the proper balance between his study and his work on the field knocking on doors. You could keep yourself sitting on the seat of your pants at your study desk reading your Bible all day long and fail in the ministry God has given you. It is a shocking thing to me as I go about in revival work to see how few pastors really know anything at all about visitation. They themselves do not visit nor do they get their people to visit as a general rule. I would suppose that more preachers fail right here at this point than at any other point in their ministries.

I was in a revival in the East a number of years ago and could hardly get the preacher to go with me to visit in the homes of the unsaved. Each day he had some different excuse until finally I realized he was simply lazy and not willing to do the visitation. I finally got one of the deacons to go visiting with me, and as we drove along he said, "By the way, Brother Walt, have you asked the pastor to go visiting with you?"

I grinned and said, "Yes, but he doesn't seem too interested."

I was surprised when the deacon pulled the car over to the side of the road and began to weep. He told me that the pastor had been there for several years but had done practically no visitation, the work had gone downhill, and there were serious difficulties. I tried my best to help the young pastor to see how he was failing about visitation and soul winning. But already it was too late. During that meeting there was rebellion in the church, and the people very shortly thereafter got rid of the pastor.

The main thing God has told us to do is to "go." The New Testament church succeeded because it was a "going" church. They went publicly and from house to house all the time. In Acts 5:42 the New Testament pattern is laid down for us, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." The reason that many Christians do not win souls is because their pastors do not do much soul winning and are not able to lead out about the matter.

I have talked with the pastors of the leading soul-winning churches of our day. Without exception these men are hard-working personal soul winners, regularly and actively engaged in visitation. These men would not think of making less than thirty-five to one hundred calls a week on the unsaved or backslidden. This does not count hospital calls and sick calls on the members.

It was my joy to be in the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, the last Sunday night of January. Jack Hyles, who came as pastor of the church in August, told me some unusual things that are happening. Through that Sunday night in the regular services on the five Sundays of January they had had exactly one hundred people saved. Jack told me that he and Jim Lyons, his assistant, had personally won over half of these in the homes and got them out to the services to make public professions.

Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan, says a preacher will preach better and give an invitation better if he has someone staked out that he has already won to Christ and he knows will come forward at the invitation. Face it, you are a flop, you are a failure, you are simply hound-dog lazy if you are not personally making enough visits each week as a pastor to usually win at least one to Christ and have that one out to the services on Sunday. Most churches could have a revival in a week's time if the pastor would just get started winning souls himself.

The Gene Lowry story is one of the most thrilling I have ever heard. In spite of a serious speech defect, Gene attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and without knowing a single soul in town started a new church in Richmond, Virginia. He worked hard at visitation, block by block, house by house, and the last time I heard, less than five years later, was running over six hundred in Sunday School, with a beautiful new auditorium. God will honor any man who sets out to win souls and work hard at it.

V. Money Can Keep You From Success

One of the qualifications that God laid down in I Timothy 3 for elders was that they be "not greedy of filthy lucre." God reminds us in I Timothy 6:10 that "the love of money is the root of all evil." It is evidently not the money itself, but the love of money, the wanting it, the craving of the things it can buy that causes downfall and sin. Solomon had great wealth and riches and these eventually led to his downfall. God had plainly warned him not to multiply horses nor wives, but he disobeyed. The horses represented wealth and power.

Judas sold the Lord for thirty pieces of silver and afterward went out and killed himself. The love of money had been his ruin. In II Kings 5 we read the story of Gehazi, Elisha's servant, who disobeyed his master, pursued Naaman the Syrian, and took gifts of money and clothing which his master had refused. Elisha had been Elijah's body servant until Elijah's translation, and then Elisha put on the prophet's mantle. In all likelihood Gehazi would have assumed the place of the prophet of Israel at Elisha's death, but his sin prevented it.

Oh, how many preachers stumble and fall to ruin over this matter. I heard a preacher say one time, "Don't mistake the rustle of a ten dollar

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Rewards

Fourteen-year-old Benjamin Rashkoff, Long Island City, one of two children in his family, found a wallet containing \$147. He took it home to ask his mother what to do, and she sent him to Hunters Point Police Station with it.

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The subject of reward is always an interesting and profitable one, but never more so than when the Lord is the Rewarder.

Many Rewards Offered

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Psalm 19:11—"In keeping of the Word is 'great reward.'"

Proverbs 11:18—"To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward."

Matthew 5:12—"Great is your reward in heaven" for persecution.

Matthew 6:4—"Thy Father . . . shall reward thee openly" for secret alms.

Matthew 6:6—"Thy Father . . . shall reward thee openly" for secret prayer.

Matthew 6:18—"Thy Father . . . shall reward thee openly" for secret fasting.

Matthew 10:41—"Receive a righteous man's reward" for receiving a righteous man.

Mark 9:41—"He shall not lose his reward" for a cup of water.

I Cor. 3:8—"Receive his own reward for his own labour."

In addition, patient endurance of trials shall be abundantly rewarded (Jas. 1:12).

There is also a generous reward for the proper investment of "pounds" (Luke 19:17).

There is a divine recompense for practical ministrations to the needy (Luke 14:13, 14).

There is ample reward for the proper running of the Christian race and for fighting the fight of faith (I Cor. 9:24, 25).

There is even a reward for the joyful loser (Heb. 10:34, 35).

Is it not apparent from these and other Scriptures which could be given, that our glorious Lord will reward everything His servants do which gives Him pleasure?

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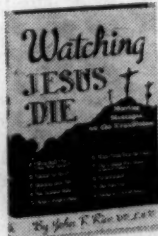


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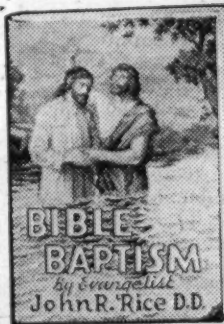
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With the EVANGELISTS

EVANGELIST HYMAN APPELMAN, Box 8484, Kansas City 14, Missouri, sent this report of a number of recent meetings: Two weeks, Naples, Florida; one

week, Pensacola, Florida; one week, St. Augustine, Florida; one week, Miami, Florida; two weeks, Treasure Valley, Oregon-Idaho; one week, East St. Louis, Illinois; one week, Maywood, California. In these meetings there were 1,503 recorded professions of faith and transfers of membership, 4 of them Jews.

EVANGELIST DEL FEHSEN-

WELD, 6427 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, recently closed a meeting in the Cheyenne Baptist Temple, Cheyenne, Wyoming, where there were 15 professions of faith, 19 young people dedicating themselves fully to the Lord in separating from the world, and many other decisions among Christians. Rev. Otto Feisel is pastor in this fine church in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Paths to Ruin for a Preacher

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bill for the flutter of an angel's wings," and yet many do and fall victim to the love of money. Many times a preacher is "bought off" by the moneyed crowd in his church through gifts. If you preach to please the moneyed crowd in your church, you will stop your mouth and tie your hands from ever being God's man to the people.

I held a revival for a man one time who had recently come to a lovely church with a wealthy congregation. In his previous pastorate he had just gone through serious poverty and heartache in bringing a church out of a modernistic denomination and making them independent. It had meant severe sacrifice on his part. But the new church treated him well. They built a brand new parsonage for him and paid him generously. When I began to bear down on the sin in his cold and back-slidden congregation, he came to me and said, "Take it easy, Brother Walt, let's just have a nice quiet revival and not tear things up." Sadly I saw that this wealthy congregation, by their gifts, had so blinded this man's eyes that he would not preach plainly against their sins nor did he want anyone else to do it.

Or sometimes it is the denominational leaders whom a preacher wants to please. Perhaps the leaders come and say, "We believe that you have real talent and that you can go right to the top in the denomination if you will just take it easy and fall in line with our program."

One of the finest pastors that I know and one who influenced my life greatly was ruined by this very thing. He was a tremendous Bible preacher, had a warm and compassionate heart, frequently preaching with tears. He was a good soul winner. But there came the time when he began to see that to go along with the denomination and to get the larger churches where there was more money demanded that he shut his eyes to some modernism and some serious defects in his group. He was faced with a decision. He either had to go along with them and never talk about the problems or to have the disfavor of the denominational leaders. He chose the first course and it has ruined his ministry. No longer does he preach with tears, and no longer does he get lots of folk saved.

But there are other pitfalls in which the love of money can snare a preacher. Sometimes a man will try to build a big church in order to get an increase in salary and the prestige that a big church gives. God will not honor this motive in trying to build a great church. I have good advice from a pastor friend of mine who said, "You build a great people and they will build a great church."

I think of a fine preacher who built an unusual soul-winning church. God blessed his ministry and he was a leader among the men of his group. But the lure of a big income became his downfall. The church could not pay him enough for some of the fine things he wanted, so he began to sell stocks and bonds on the side. He became very successful. Then one day he went to his church board and asked the men to give him a six months' leave of absence to see if he could make a success of selling stocks and bonds. But his men said, "Brother So and So, God has called you to preach. He will not bless you in this other work." And they begged him to give it up. Finally he broke into tears, threw his broker's license down on the table and promised to quit. But in a short while he had secretly renewed the license and before long lost his good church and seriously hurt his ministry.

How tragic the case of a preacher who is preaching mainly for the money that he gets. He lives for the day his pay check arrives. In Malachi 1:10 God describes this kind of person when He says, "Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand."

I think of a fine gospel musician with a lovely voice. One evening at a dinner with several families attending, he and his wife were also guests. During the course of the evening the hostess asked if he would sing for them, and his reply was, "No, I make my living singing, and I don't sing just anywhere." He robbed his friends of a blessing. But this sad case is no worse than for a preacher who preaches mainly for the money his preaching will bring.

Of course, churches have a responsibility about this also. Sometimes a church does not pay a pastor what they ought and what they can afford. Don't place temptation in your pastor's way by failing to give him a large enough salary to adequately care for his family's needs.

But we preachers had better watch our step on this matter of the love of money which can be a ruin and snare to us. Paul said in Philippians 4:11 and 12, "...I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." God help us to learn this contentment.

VI. A Woman Can Be Your Downfall

It is one of the shocks of my life as I travel around the country in revival work to learn of the number of good preachers who are ruined by the

woman problem. The combination of money and women were too much for Solomon. We read that he had many, many wives and that they led him off into idolatry and sin. David fell into terrible and awful sin with Bath-sheba, committing adultery with her and finally having her husband murdered. Samson toyed with the harlot Delilah and it cost him his power and usefulness.

But, my preacher brother, don't say this could never happen to you. It is happening to others around you all the time.

I think there are two temptations that a preacher faces about this matter. First of all, there is a tendency for a preacher merely to be an errand boy for his wife. I have seen many good preachers whose ministries were seriously handicapped because of this very problem. You had better be careful or you will find that all of your time is taken up going to the store for a loaf of bread, hanging out the wash for your wife, picking up Susie after school, taking her to her music lessons, and a thousand other little things which will keep you from being what you ought to be for God. If you are a pastor's wife, how important it is that you be considerate of your husband's time and make sure that you don't unconsciously make him simply your errand boy.

But preachers, too, are especially susceptible to falling into deep sin with women. In the first place, a preacher is usually respected and looked up to by those in the community. Many times a vain and beautiful woman in the community will deliberately set out to entice a preacher. Because of his work a pastor must often give counsel on some of the most delicate and private personal matters with women in the congregation. The temptation is there to fall into sin.

A number of months ago the newspapers carried the story of a well-known and successful soul-winning pastor who divorced his wife, gave up his church, and married a woman in his congregation. It all started when he spent long hours counseling this woman on a family problem.

You ought to be especially careful about being too friendly with the women in your church who have unsaved husbands. These women are usually lonely and crave Christian fellowship. But it is only one step from this simple fellowship to too much intimacy and sin. It is not usually wise to be in your car alone with women near your own age. Especially ought you to be careful about women who hold a physical attraction for you. You had better leave them strictly alone, or Satan may cause your ruin and downfall on this very thing.

I am surprised and shocked to find that oftentimes preachers when they get together believe they can tell shady stories and not have it affect their ministries. Preacher, you are no stronger than others, and if you allow yourself to dwell on shady stories, your mind will be cluttered with evil thoughts and sin will become easy for you. Because a pastor is constantly thrown in contact with those who have been off in deep sin and oftentimes hears a heartbroken confession, it is easy for him to allow his mind to dwell on this kind of thing. O preacher brother, ask God to keep your mind clean and pure.

A pastor friend of mine stood at a newsstand checking some of the lewd and dirty magazines which were for sale there. At first he had stopped only to check on the kind of filth that was being peddled, but he confessed later that it was only one step from censoring that material to allowing the filthy pictures and jokes to stick in his mind.

The best way in the world to keep from falling into sin on the woman problem is to stay warmly and fervently in love with your wife. In spite of all the heavy duties and rigorous routine, make sure that you take time to share your wife's affection. This can well be the biggest safeguard you will have against temptation and sin along this line.

Oh, the tragic shame of twisted lives and broken ministries on the woman problem! One of my best friends had a very successful pastorate. The work grew and prospered. Many souls were won to Christ, but one day there came a temptation with one of the women of his congregation, and he slipped and fell. His deacons were kind and understanding. They came and talked with him, prayed and worked with him. He confessed his sin to them and promised to keep his life above reproach. But not long after another temptation came, and again he fell. This time his ministry was ruined for good. He is brilliant, well trained for the ministry, has a wonderful personality and the heart and compassion of a good soul winner—but his life is blasted and ruined by this one problem. O God, help preachers keep clean and pure!

I pray that God will help all of us who preach to check our own personal lives lest Satan ensnare us and ruin us with any of these things we have mentioned. How we need to be constantly checking our lives to see that Satan is not getting a foothold in any area.

Then a word for other Christians who read this message. Would you set out today to pray regularly and systematically for your pastor and for other preachers in your acquaintance. Pray that God will keep them clean and pure. Pray that God will keep them strong and all out for His work.

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Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
Blessed morn of life and light!
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Friends of Jesus, dry your tears;
Through the veil of gloom and darkness,
Lo, the Son of God appears!

Christ hath risen! Hallelujah!
He hath risen, as He said;
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And our great, exalted Head.

—Fanny J. Crosby

Sword Sunday April 24

By Evangelist Walt Handford
Assistant Editor

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1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up believing the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up "bad" words or "dirty" words, laugh at him. That will make him think he is "cute." He will run off and pick up some other words that will blow the top off your head.
3. Never give him any spiritual training until he is 21, and then let him decide for himself. By the same logic, never teach him the English language. Maybe when he is old enough he will want to speak Bantu.
4. Praise him in his presence to all the neighbors; show how much smarter he is than the neighbor's children.
5. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop in the child a "guilt complex." This will prepare him to believe that when he is punished later on for stealing cars or assaulting women that society is "against him" and that he is being "persecuted."
6. Pick up everything after him: his shoes, his books, his clothes. Do everything for him, so that he will be experienced in throwing burdens on others.
7. Let him read anything he wants. Have no concern whatever for what goes into his mind. Provide him with Lily cups for his lips, but let his brain drink out of any dirty container for words and ideas.
8. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will be prepared for broken homes later on.
9. Give him all the spending money he wants; never let him earn his own.
10. Satisfy every craving of the child for food, drinks and everything that has to do with the sense of taste and touch, gratifying every sensual desire.
11. Take his part against policemen, teachers and neighbors. They are all "prejudiced" against your child.
12. When he gets into real trouble, always defend yourself and say, "I never could do anything with him."—J. B. McIner, in 20th Century Christian. —Taken from War Cry.

Soul Winning—The Heart of . . .

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redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." Again, I Peter 2:24 tells us of Christ, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Then I Peter 3:18 tells us, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

Space cannot be found to quote all the Scriptures that teach this holy doctrine. But I charge you to remember that the death of Christ has only one explanation: Christ died to save sinners.

The resurrection of Christ was for this same purpose. Romans 4:25 tells us that He who "was delivered for our offenses," also "was raised again for our justification." And thus in the great Gospel Paul preached as recorded by him in I Corinthians 15:3, 4, the resurrection of Christ had a part, too.

III. The Christ in Glory Now Has His Deepest Concern in the Salvation of Sinners

We are told that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Before the world began He planned to die for sinners. He lived His thirty-odd years on earth with that in mind. He died, then, on the cruel cross to save sinners. Now that He sits at the right hand of God in the Glory, still His principal concern is the saving of sinners.

Romans 5:10 says, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." And Romans 8:34 tells us that the Christ who died for us is the same "that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Here, then, is our hope; Christ who died for our sins is now in Heaven to take our part before the Father. "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:1, 2). The pres-

ent work of Jesus is to make certain and perfect the salvation of the souls for whom He died.

With unspeakable yearning Jesus longed for the salvation of the souls about Him when He was on earth. He saw them scattered as sheep having no shepherd. He wept over Jerusalem. He loved the rich man and was grieved when he went away sorrowful. He was not too tired to win the woman at the well of Sychar, though the disciples thought it hopeless. He stopped dying long enough to save the poor thief by His side.

And is He any different now? No, in Heaven, His deep desire is to see sinners saved. He says, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7). And again He said, "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

Christ in Glory is happy when sinners are saved. He is grieved when some reject Him and will not repent. All Heaven rings with praises when sinners are saved. And up in Heaven they are more concerned about one soul being saved than over a whole church full of people already converted!

In fact, the Saviour said that the ideal shepherd, if he loses one of his sheep, should "leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness and go after that which is lost, until he find it." And our pastors should not spend their time on the ninety and nine, but rather leave them, even if they are in the wilderness, to go after that one which is lost. The principal burden now, of Christ in Glory, is over lost sinners. His principal joy now is to see them saved. The greatest grief of His heart is when they are not won.

Is it not clear, dear reader, that soul winning is the very heart of Christianity, the very dearest thing to the heart of God and Christ?

IV. We Should Follow Our Example, Christ, Seeking and Winning Sinners

Christians ought to be Christ-

like. That is axiomatic. Sometimes we sing:

Be like Jesus, this my song,
In the home and in the throng;
Be like Jesus, all day long.
I would be like Jesus.

Would you really be like Jesus? Then soul winning must be the passion of your life! Everything else on earth must be subordinate and secondary to the business of getting people saved. If you are to be like Jesus, then you must give self up to crucifixion, be willing to live or willing to die only that precious souls may be kept out of Hell and brought to God through Jesus Christ! In no other way can you be like Jesus!

The identity of Christ and His saved ones is a beautiful thing. "Because as he is, so are we in this world," says I John 4:17. His righteousness has become our righteousness. His Father has become our Father. All things are His, and yet they have become ours by His marvelous grace. When He shall reign, He wants us to reign with Him. He prayed the Father that we should be with Him where He is (John 17:24). We shall partake of His glory, as we do partake of His righteousness.

But do we not think too much of the crown and not enough of the cross? Do we not think too much about reigning and not enough about suffering? If we are to be with Christ in His glory, we ought to be with Him in His suffering. And if we are to be with Him in the crowning and in the rewards, we ought to be with Him in the seeking and saving of sinners. Christ wants us to be identified with Him in His business, too.

We are commanded, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8).

Christian, let that mind be in you, which was in Christ, when He left Heaven and came to earth and died on the cross to save sinners. That is the plain meaning of these words! We are to be like Christ in being wholly absorbed in the rescue of sinners from Hell! We are to be like Christ in being willing to die, willing to lose reputation, friends, pride, comfort, EVERYTHING, in order to win souls!

Christ is to be our example in soul winning. First Peter 2:21 and 24 say, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps . . . Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." We are to be like Jesus in being willing to suffer to keep people out of Hell!

How often the Saviour reminded His disciples that His life pointed directly to the cross, and that they were to walk the same kind of path with the same kind of self-renunciation! Jesus said, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:22, 23).

Our aim is to be His aim, and we are to follow Jesus to a daily crucifixion of self, to get the Lord's business done. Surely He means that our motives should be the same as His, for He died to save sinners.

Jesus plainly told the disciples, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12). Then, after His resurrection, Jesus came to the same disciples and said, "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And then we are told that "when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:21, 22). Christians are to do the same work that Jesus did, and He gives us the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to do the very same work.

To be like Jesus, then, is to have a burden, a passion, a holy abandon about soul winning. No Christian can claim to be like Jesus or to follow Jesus, or to pattern after Jesus, or to abide in Him, who does not have as his principal aim in life the saving of sinners, and who does not work at that holy business with a blessed abandon.

Every Christian, then, should win souls. This is the very heart of Christianity. This is what God the Father wants. This is what Jesus came into the world for, what He died for, what He desires most now. If you love the Lord Jesus Christ, and care anything about what He wants, surely you will try to win precious souls.

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Reasons I Don't Smoke

By Pfc. Thomas J. Parent, In Herald of Holiness

1. I read the ads. They always say, "Less nicotine, less throat irritation, less coughing, etc." Nothing brings out the disadvantages of smoking more than the ads. If there were anything good in smoking, the ads would play it up.

2. Smoking causes unpleasant breath and dingy, stained teeth, as evidenced by the ads of certain dentifrices.

3. Like the fruit and grain from which liquor, beer and wine are made, tobacco has more constructive uses—the nicotine is the active agent in many commercial insect poisons.

4. Most smokers I have met have advised me, upon learning that I've never smoked, that I am fortunate.

5. Smoking costs the average smoker about \$70.00 per year.

6. Smoking contributes two things to the body, nicotine poison, which the kidneys must get rid of, and carbon dioxide, which the lungs must get rid of.

7. An alarming percentage of the incredibly wasteful forest fires are due to smoking.

8. Like drinking, smoking is prohibited to athletes in training.

9. Smoking spreads germs.

10. Cigarette ashes and butts are a large and needless portion of the junk that clutters up city streets, floors, etc.

11. Not many smokers can go for very long without a smoke and not feel very uncomfortable. If smoking isn't addiction, it's a close relative.

12. For countless millennia before the discovery of America, our ancestors got along very well without smoking.

13. A smoker can be told from a nonsmoker by a chest X-ray. Why be branded?

14. I have been resented because I oppose smoking, but I have never been resented because I do not smoke.

15. Smoking involves a complex set of etiquette rules. The ones involved in eating, dressing, conversation, etc., are enough to occupy one's mind.

16. Smoking causes unpleasant odor to linger in one's clothing, one's skin, and even the walls of a room.

17. Smoking, like drinking, is a psychological crutch.

18. To buy tobacco is to help support an industry which lives by propagating an enslaving habit, uncleanness, etc.

19. The fingers of an habitual smoker are tinted yellow, because nicotine can enter the body even through the skin.

20. Smoking is widely recognized, even by smokers, as a vice.

21. In all sorts of places people are asked to refrain from smoking. I have never seen signs that direct people to smoke, except in trains, theaters, etc., when it told them where to go if they must smoke.

22. Smoking calms people—the ads claim. The only people that smoking calms are addicts who are restless because they haven't smoked for a while.

23. I have asked many people why they smoke. None of them has given me a reason I could apply to myself.

24. I am in a position to influence countless other people. I wouldn't want it on my conscience to have caused anyone to become a victim of smoking.

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By Evangelist Bob Sumner

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Then add to that figure the postage, shipping and handling costs (we had to pay postage to get the books and to send them, both), plus the employees' salaries for the puzzle department, and you learn that our net operating cost in order to maintain the weekly Christian crossword puzzles in *The Sword* was in excess of fifteen thousand dollars for the year. As Elmer the parakeet would say, "That ain't hay!"

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II Chronicles 24

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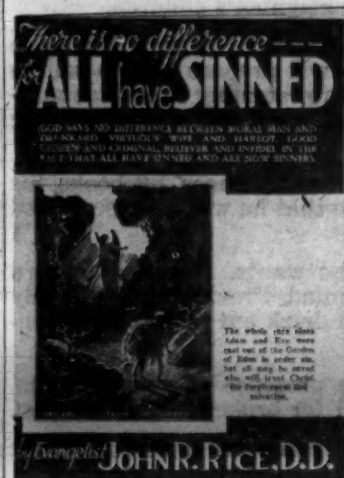
Clews Across

- 1, 13 "they had _____ the Lord God of their fathers"
- 5 "see that _____ hasten the matter"
- 8 "Jehoiada gave it to such _____ did the work of the service"
- 9 "as for _____, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord" I Sam. 12
- 11, 38, 56 "because ye _____ forsaken the Lord, he _____ also forsaken"
- 13 see 1 across
- 16 initials of two kings Isaiah prophesied under (Isa. 6:1; 37:21)
- 17 "there was no room for them in the _____" Luke 2
- 18 revises for publication
- 20 "Amaziah his son _____ in his stead"
- 23 "all _____ princes and all the people rejoiced"
- 24 "In Jerusalem shall my name be for _____" II Chron. 33
- 26 initials of four kings: II Chron. 25:1; H Chron. 26:1; I Kings 16:23; Prov. 31:1
- 27 garden where Adam and Eve lived
- 28 initials of the two names of the sorcerer rebuked by Paul (Acts 13:8, 6)
- 30 a motor coach
- 32 see 50 across
- 34 "The _____ look upon it, and require it"
- 37 "because _____ had done good in Israel"
- 38 see 11 across
- 40 one of the five kings of Midian slain by Moses (Josh. 13:21)
- 41 "_____ all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord"
- 43 contraction of "it is"
- 45 "And Jehoiada took for him two _____"
- 48 "Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and _____ [s]" II Chron. 32
- 50 and 32 across "_____ that they will take _____ to do all that I have commanded them" II Chron. 33
- 51 "man named (A) _____, which had kept his bed eight years" Acts 9
- 53 fifth son of Jacob (Gen. 30:6)
- 55 same as 13 across
- 56 see 11 across

Clews Down

- 1 "they brought the rest of the money _____ the king"
- 2 "emptied the chest, and took it, and _____ it to his place"
- 3 animal which spoke to Balaam (Num. 22:30)
- 4 to make corrections in
- 6 a lefthanded judge (Judg. 3:15)
- 7 "whereof were made _____ for the house of the Lord"
- 10 a printer's measure
- 12 father of Zadok, the priest (II Sam. 8:17)
- 14 a city given to the Levites (Josh. 21:16)
- 15 "Then Manasseh _____ that the Lord he was God" II Chron. 33
- 18 the father of Lecah (I Chron. 4:21)
- 19 "For out of the heart proceed evil _____" Matt. 15
- 21 "the serpent beguiled _____ through his subtlety" II Cor. 11
- 22 "So are the ways of every one that is _____ (y) of gain" Prov. 1
- 25 "_____ that ye hasten the matter"
- 29 "Thus saith the Lord, _____ I will bring evil upon this place" II Chron. 34
- 31 "Joash the king remembered not the kindness _____ but _____ his son"
- 32 "if _____ one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness" Luke 15 (two words)
- 33 initials of king of Israel and the son who conspired against him (II Sam. 15:13, 14)
- 35 combining form meaning "egg"
- 36 "There is a _____, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God" Ps. 46
- 37 exclamation of anticipation (Job 39:25)
- 39 first and last letters of man who tried to be king but failed (I Kings 16:22)
- 42 first and last letters of man who cursed David as he fled from Absalom (II Sam. 16:5)
- 44 "the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the _____ of Jehoiada"
- 46 being
- 47 "even the winds and the _____ obey him!" Matt. 8
- 49 "_____ nothing but the truth to me in the name of the Lord" II Chron. 18
- 52 first and last letters of man defeated by Israelites at Rephidim (Exod. 17:13)
- 54 "Behold, I will punish the multitude of _____" Jer. 46

for correct, prompt answers to
Puzzle Number 14



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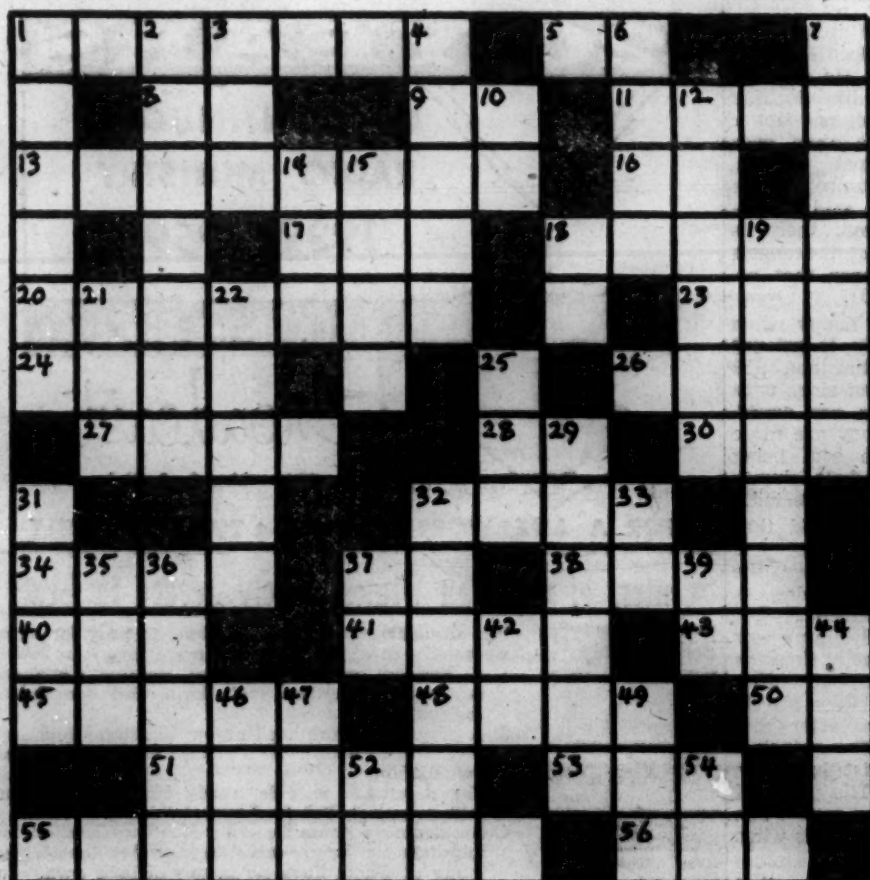
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Puzzle No. 14



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You Can Reckon on God's Faithfulness

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came up from the bedside of his dying boy to seek the Saviour's help was so satisfied that in answer to his request his son was living, he turned back home, immediately on having received the Saviour's assurance, "Thy son liveth." "The man believed the word that Jesus spake to him and went his way." He was so sure that his petition was granted that he actually—as "yesterday" suggests—slept on his way back to Capernaum, so confident was he that there was no further need of anxiety. He reckoned absolutely on the Lord's assurance and knew that what He said must be so. He was not, therefore, at all surprised to learn from his servants on the following morning that the lad was recovered. *He reckoned on the Lord's assurance, and was at peace!*

In Acts 27:25 and 34 the apostle, resting on God's assurance that He had given him the lives of all his fellow-passengers, was able to inspire such confidence in his fellow-passengers that all of them took their last meal together before casting the cargo of grain into the sea, and this, even before the daylight revealed the creek into which they could run the vessel. When once God had given him the sure word of promise, he felt that there was nothing more to do or fear. In other words, *he reckoned on God's faithfulness.*

In the beautiful story of Ruth, we have an illustration in human life of similar reckoning on the assurance of a trusted man! Late one afternoon Naomi and Ruth, after a toilsome journey, reached Bethlehem. Probably the old home, vacated ten years before, had remained untenanted, and there they sheltered, depending for their food on Ruth's gleanings in the neighboring fields. She met with good success, but the permanent improvement of their position could only come through some arrangement for her future. According to Hebrew precedent she had a claim on a leading citizen, a near kinsman who was universally respected, and whose presence in the village council was the guarantee of order and righteousness. Naomi's thought was constantly turning towards him and she was rejoiced to learn that he was prepared to do all in his power to help them. The only difficulty lay in the attitude of a yet closer kinsman, who might assert his prior claim.

The solution of the matter had to be decided by the village council. Hour after hour passed in their leisurely formalities. In the meanwhile the two women awaited the verdict. The elder woman had faith in the care of God's providence and felt sure that all would be well. Ruth, who was sitting with her in their tent, found it hard to be patient. She kept rising to her feet, going to the door, looking up and down the street, feverish with excitement and unable to contain herself amid the lights and shadows that chased each other across her heart.

Finally Naomi could bear it no longer, and said, "Sit still, my daughter, sit still! We have put the matter into our kinsman's hands. We can certainly trust him. The man will not be in rest, till he has finished the matter today. Sit still! Sit still!" So it befell! Presently there was a step along the street, and Boaz entered to say that all was settled. The next kinsman had withdrawn his claims and the way was clear for him to adjust the property and the field, and to take Ruth in marriage. After the night of weeping came the morning of joy; and Ruth understood what her future husband had meant when he spoke of her resting beneath the wings of the Shekinah. So these two women were able to sit quietly waiting, because they trusted on the faithfulness of man. When we have placed our cause and need in the hands of Christ, let us sit still, assured that He will not forsake nor fail! Sit still, my soul! Sit still! Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him!

These three illustrations of the rest and peace which enter the heart that has learned to trust divine or human faithfulness, if carefully pondered, will point the way that we must tread, when we

are troubled as to the issues and results of our prayers. Hand your burdens over to God by an act of child-like faith. Then trust in Him, and dare to believe that He has assumed entire responsibility. Make known your requests! Leave them with God! Trust His faithful care, do all that needs to be done! Go your way in peace!

Reckon on a Faithful God for Forgiveness

Reckon on God for forgiveness! Years ago I met an aged man who said that each night before he went to sleep he confessed all the sins he could remember, in order that if he should die in his sleep, he would be sure of going to God. "But," I said, "is that not a terrible slur on God's faithfulness?" Did He not say, "I will remember their sins no more"? Surely on our confession of sins, He blots them out forever! If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive them; and to cleanse them away forever! If we continue pleading for forgiveness of the same sins, day after day, year after year, are we not imputing infidelity to our heavenly Father! When God once forgives, He forgets! He casts all our sins into the depths of the sea. They will never be cast up upon the beach.

If my grandchildren break a valuable vase, during their holiday visit to my home, and come at once to confess their sorrow, I will of course gladly forgive, and treat them as though the accident had never taken place. But, if, day after day, they come to confess the same accident and ask for forgiveness, would it not cut me to the quick! Should I feel that they mistrusted my attitude and my word!

And how deeply must it grieve God, our heavenly Father, if, after all His assurance, we still ask Him to forgive the same sins! We may be sorry that we ever transgressed. Such contrition is perfectly consistent with the consciousness of forgiveness. Obviously, we must constantly examine ourselves when we come to prayer as to the manner in which we have been thinking, speaking, and acting in the interval, in case there is need for confession of some recent sin. We are constantly needing to have our feet washed, i. e., recent contact with men and things; but, as our Lord said, "He that has once been washed, needs only to wash his feet, but is clean every whit." This, then, is our first lesson! Reckon on God's absolute forgiveness of confessed sin! And, at the same time, be equally careful to forgive others who may have sinned against you. Remember, also, the following verses—Mark 11:25, 26.

Reckon on God for Answers to Prayer

When, once, thoughtfully, deliberately, and believingly, you have handed the matter over to God, you must dare to believe that He has taken it in hand and that, though He may keep you waiting, He will not be at rest until He has finished it. "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: His mercy endureth forever: He will not forsake the work of His own hands."

Prayer is the co-operation of the human spirit with the divine. As a slight noise will sometimes dislodge an avalanche, so the prayer of faith sets in motion the power of the ascended Christ. Believing prayer supplies the fulcrum on which God rests the lever of His omnipotence. In prayer there is union between the divine and the human, so that, as the human body of our Lord provided the channels along which the divine life-power was able to reach us, so the prayer of faith opens a wide channel by which God's grace and providence may come to man.

True prayer has two characteristics. First: we must allow the Holy Spirit to winnow away what is inconsistent with God's will to grant. We cannot impose our will on God, but must wait for the solution of our life problems, which He will most certainly grant, sometimes by a flash, at other times by the slow unfolding of His will. When we cannot solve our problem in our own way, we must

trust Him to deal with it in a better way; and He cannot fail.

Second: we must cease to worry. However long the interval, however strong the combination of adverse circumstances, we may still our hearts, in the patience of unwavering faith, sure that our Lord will not rest until He has finished the matter in hand, which we have entrusted to Him. Never forget to reckon on God's faithfulness! That anchorage will never fail to hold!

Reckon on God's Guidance

There is a immense realm within us known as the subconscious self. It has been suggested that much of this is concealed from our own knowledge as seven-eighths of an iceberg are concealed beneath the surface of the ocean. By our surrender to Christ, we give to Him the right of access to these hidden depths; and we become presently aware that such and such a course is the direction which we are to take. Our action in this respect will be presently corroborated by circumstances and by the gift of needed faculty.

Let us recapitulate the instances we have already quoted! Paul, kneeling in the Temple, becomes aware that his life work henceforth must lie among the Gentiles. Philip discovers that he must leave the revival, which has but broken out in Samaria, and wait on a wilderness track for a certain purpose to be hereafter disclosed. Paul arrives in Ephesus just after Apollos has left it. Catherine of Siena writes: "Henceforth, my daughter, do courageously and without hesitation those things, which, by the ordering of Providence, are put into thy hands; for, being armed by faith, thou wilt happily overcome all thine adversaries." Mary Fisher traverses land and sea to give her message to the Sultan, which he receives with much attention and gravity. Stephen Grellet preaches a sermon, in the heart of the forest apparently to nobody, which leads to hundreds being brought to the Saviour. Carey is impressed to go to India, Judson to Burma, John Williams to Erromanga, Mary Slessor to western Africa.

Ten of thousands, whose biographies have never been committed to the public press, have felt and obeyed the urge of the Spirit, to everlasting joy.

Our one act must be to wait on God further for guidance. We must keep our souls before Him, as a still lake. We must cast on Him the responsibility of opening the way, providing the funds, and inclining our friends to acquiesce. The route, the companionship, the minding of things we are called to leave, the preparation of those that lie before, must be absolutely committed to His loving care and guidance. Everything will then be deftly and abundantly arranged. "Roll thy way upon the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psa. 37:5).

From the experience of a long life, I urge that the best confidant and adviser is Christ Himself! The wisest course is to place the whole case in His hands, asking Him to advise and control. He is "the Wonderful Counsellor," says the prophet. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding," says the Book of the Wise. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." He may suddenly put in your way a sagacious and experienced friend! You may overhear a conversation, or come on a paragraph in the newspaper, containing the very information required. The extraordinary series of events, which Samuel predicted as way-marks to Saul, will have their counterpart in your experience (I Sam. 10).

"Lo, all these things doth God work twice, yea thrice, with a man, to bring back his soul from the pit and that he may be enlightened with the light of life." Outward incidents combine with the inner life, as the lighthouse gleams with the readings of the chart in the captain's room!

Don't worry! Don't anticipate! Don't fear! Don't, like Saul, offer the sacrifice precipitately before Samuel arrives. Sit still, my soul, sit still! Jesus, whom thou hast trusted, will not fail thee! He will not rest nor fail till He has finished that which thou hast committed to His care! Reckon on the faithfulness of thy faithful

Life's Most Popular Game

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break the law of God. Sin, then, is breaking the law of God, but more: Sin is rebellion against God. Sin is man at war with God! What a foolish thing! A puny man fighting Almighty God.

If you saw a man standing in the middle of a railroad track in front of a coming locomotive shaking his fist at the engine, you would conclude that he had lost his mind. You would exclaim, "Look at that fool! He's out of his mind!" But take a look at the human race. Here we stand between two eternities declaring war on God, the creator of Heaven and earth.

No wonder God says, "Fools make a mock at sin" (Prov. 14:9). Sin is breaking the law. Sin is rebellion against God. Sin is also a disease of the soul; it is a cancer in the character; it is a rottenness in the heart.

Sin is failure to do right. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." It is never wise to do wrong. It is wise to do right.

When we see a duty and dodge it, we have sinned. When we see the path of righteousness and fail to walk in it, we sin.

What Sin Does

A person is foolish to play with sin in the second place because of what sin does!

It seems that sin is behind every unpleasant experience. Sin causes all the grief and heartache. Sin brings all the disgrace and shame into the world. Sin brings poverty, disease, and death. Sin blinds the mind, binds the body and soul to serve Satan. Sin has brought mankind into a state of condemnation before God. It is the ruin of the race.

"Sin is the one great dividing factor in all human relations." It divides nations, and causes war. All the blood spilled over battlefields is caused by sin. Wars will cease when sin is forever banished. Wars are born in the hearts of sinners. "From whence cometh wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence even of your lusts that war in your members?" (James 4:1). And yet we play with sin! We treat sin as a joke. We play the fool!

Sin not only divides nations and brings on war, but it divides mother and father and brings on divorce. All the divorce scandals are brought on by sin.

Divorce is becoming one of the nation's top problems. Divorce, drunkenness, crime, cheating, lying—all sin! All divisive. Sin separates nations, families, and friends.

The supreme tragedy is that sin has separated God from man! God and the first man Adam were one! Sin severed this holy bond of unity. Sin became the dividing wedge that cut man off from God. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you" (Isa. 59:2).

Sin not only divides, but also damns. Sin damns the soul. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," God said.

Sin Is An Unbeatable Game

In the third place, a person is foolish to play with sin because everyone who plays loses. Sin is an unbeatable game. It is the one game where no person has ever won.

Adam and Eve lost. You will lose. Adam and Eve had every advantage. If it had been possible for anyone to have won the game of sin it would have been them.

They were perfect. They had perfect minds and perfect bodies.

Creator and Saviour! He cannot fail thee!

"The soul, that to Jesus has fled for repose,
He will not, He will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
He'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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and lived in a perfect environment. They lost and they lost completely.

Every now and then some Christian thinks he might win. It seems for a while that he will make it. But a holy God has so fixed things that nobody can ever get by with sin. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Look at Samson. He is a man of God. The Holy Spirit gave him an added touch of physical strength so that he became the world's strongest man. He begins to play with sin! But from now on sin will play with Samson! "But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes [sin is blinding], and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him [sin is binding] with fetters of brass; and he did grind at the prison house." [Sin is grinding.] Oh, the blinding, binding, grinding power of sin! Samson became the laughingstock of the enemies of God. They said, "Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson . . . and he made them sport . . ." (Judges 16:25).

Samson lost, Adam lost—everyone loses. The sin game cannot be won. It is the game of fools!

The Penalty of Sin

In the next place we see a person is a fool to play with sin because of the penalty. "For the wages of sin is death . . ." (Rom. 6:23). "The soul that sinneth shall surely die." Not only physical death, but also spiritual death.

Man loses his life. He dies in sin and goes to the final abode of the wicked called "the lake of fire, . . . the second death" (Rev. 20:14). Much could be said about the unhappy condition of the poor sinner in this life because he forfeits peace, joy, forgiveness, the great satisfaction and security of the Christian, but he has no hope of Heaven! He has only to look forward to Hell.

Jesus spoke about Hell often and at great length. It is the final penalty of sin. If you live in sin you can expect to go to Hell when you die, and believe me, Hell is no joke.

Hell is the sure penalty for sin, and there is only one remedy for sin—the blood of Jesus Christ. I'm afraid Hell is a neglected theme. We have much more Bible information about Hell than we do about Heaven, but more sermons about Heaven.

Hell is a real place, a place made necessary by sin. ". . . depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment . . ." (Matt. 25:46).

Jesus gives a vivid picture of a man in Hell paying sin's penalty. ". . . the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:22-24). There it is, plain and simple—and final! The wages of sin.

One of these days some of you will find yourselves in Hell. You play with sin! You joke about sin. You do not take your own sins seriously. I warn you in the holy name of Jesus Christ: *don't play with sin.*

The Cure for Sin

There is a remedy, thank God, for sin!

"The blood of Jesus Christ God's son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

"And without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

"By his own blood he [Jesus] entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12). ". . . we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14).

There, my friends, is the only cure for this dread disease.

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The Virgin Mary To The Child Jesus

By Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Sleep! Sleep, mine HOLY ONE!
My flesh, my Lord!—what name? I do not know—
A name that seemeth not too high or low,
Too far from me or heaven.
My JESUS, that is best; that Name being given
By the majestic angel whose command
Was softly as a man's beseeching said,
When I and all the earth appeared to stand
In the great overflow
Of light celestial from His wings and head!
Sleep! Sleep, my SAVING ONE!

We sat among the stalls at Bethlehem,
The dumb kine from their fodder turning them,
Softened their horned faces
To almost human gazes
Toward the Newly Born;
The simple shepherds from star-lit brooks
Brought visionary looks,
As yet in their astonished hearing, rung
The strange, sweet angel-tongue:
The magi of the East, in sandals worn,
Knelt reverent, sweeping round,
With long pale beards, their gifts upon the ground,
The incense, myrrh, and gold
These baby hands were impotent to hold.
So, let all earthlies and celestials wait
Upon Thy royal state.
Sleep! Sleep, my KINGLY ONE!

Life's Most Popular Game

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Our God has perfected a sure remedy.

We have the disease. God has the remedy. God has offered to give "without money, without price" this priceless and precious remedy to you! Yes, I said *GIVE!* He will give eternal life. He will save you from sin, from death, from judgment and Hell.

Just throw down the weapons of warfare against God and come to Him. "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

You say, "I know I am a lost sinner. How shall I come to God?" Come humbly, repenting, believing. Come in faith, come knowing that God Himself has invited you to come, and that if you do come, He will surely save you!

Listen to these precious promises: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever [whosoever means you] believeth in him should not perish" (John 3:16). "He that believeth on him is not condemned" (John 3:18).

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47).

"And by him ALL THAT BELIEVE are justified from ALL THINGS, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:39).

To believe on Christ Jesus as Lord means more than merely believing about Him.

Saving faith is to commit your life to Him. It involves repentance and surrender to His Lordship. It means to cast yourself upon His mercy. God help you to do it now.

A person is a fool to play with sin because of what sin is, because of what sin does, because sin is an unbeatable game, because of the penalty of sin, and finally a person is a fool to play with sin because if you play with sin you will play with God's remedy for sin.

Don't treat this dread disease lightly. Get serious about your own condition!

See yourself lost, condemned, on the road to Hell!

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries" (Heb. 10:26, 27).

As long as you go on in your sins, laughing and joking about them, you are in danger of losing your soul forever. Time is running out.

Knowing that you have the dis-

ease, come to the Physician who never loses a case. Jesus Christ will wash away every sin.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though YOUR SINS be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool."

God offers salvation now, but not tomorrow. Don't play the supreme fool and put off salvation until it is too late.

NOW is the time: do it today.

Yes, Now Is the Time!

Dr. Mercer is right in urging the unsaved reader to repent now, turn to Christ for salvation and forgiveness. He is right when he says that a person is a fool to play with sin because of what sin is, what sin does, because sin is unbeatable and because of the penalty of sin.

But Jesus Christ is the remedy. Now let the editor beg you to turn today in genuine repentance from sin, and earnestly call on Jesus Christ for mercy and forgiveness. And the moment you turn to Christ in your heart, depending on Him for forgiveness, relying upon Him, trusting Him, that moment He saves you. Will you do it today? If so, then I beg you, sign the decision form below, copy it in a letter and mail it at once to the editor. We will send Dr. Mercer word and rejoice with you and send a letter of encouragement and counsel as to how to live the Christian life. Do it today!

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Jim Mercer's sermon, "Life's Most Popular Game." I admit I am a poor, lost sinner who needs saving, and I see that it would be folly to go on in sin. So, today I honestly turn my heart from sin. I want Jesus to forgive me and save me. I honestly ask him to save me and the best I know how I trust Him to do it today. This moment I take Jesus as my own personal Saviour, depending on Him to forgive all my sins and change my heart and give me everlasting life. I intend to live for Him beginning today, to claim Him openly as my Saviour. Please write me a letter of Christian advice and how to live for Christ.

Signed _____

Address _____

Pastor Reviews...

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Dr. Telford's Letter

"Dr. John R. Rice
Box 420
Wheaton, Illinois

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I received a copy of Dr. Edward John Carnell's book, *The Case for Orthodox Theology*, and have spent some time reviewing the contents. First of all, the title of the book should never be *The Case FOR Orthodox Theology*, but it should read, *The Case AGAINST Orthodox Theology*. Dr. Carnell's whole attitude toward those who are known as fundamentalists is anything but a Christian attitude. For a man who holds such a high position in a 'so-called super intellectual theological seminary' as Fuller Theological Seminary, I would think would have the ability to present *The Case for Orthodox Theology* in a way that would be so simple for a Christian to read that there would be no possible

misunderstanding or questioning about the subject of the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

"His statements regarding the fundamentalists and their scriptural position of separation from the world and all that is worldly can only be classified as 'cheap sarcasm.' I feel that Dr. Carnell has stooped to a very low level of criticism in what he says about the fundamentalists who have defended the scriptural, orthodox position for the past thirty years or more.

"Dr. Carnell's criticism of Dr. Machen in his stand for the truth and his separation from liberalism reveals his sympathies with the modernistic movements of the present day. It is certain that no strong, robust, fundamental testimony has ever been built around any preacher or teacher who has held Dr. Carnell's position regarding the inspiration of the Scriptures, premillennial truth, separation from the world, and fundamentalism and dispensationalism. Let Dr. Carnell examine all the strong fundamental churches of the world today and he will find

that those who are reaching the lost for Christ and missionary in attitude and activity are those who are known and classified as fundamentalists who are true to the Scriptures. These are the preachers, Christian leaders, and Bible schools whom he has tried to make fun of in his public cheap sarcasm of them.

"I have your review of Dr. Carnell's book, *The Case for Orthodox Theology*, before me, and feel that you are justified in every statement that you have made regarding its contents. I am sure that God will honor your strong stand against the inroads and invasion of such teaching as this book presents toward the fundamental movement.

You are to be commended for your willingness to have a jury of scholarly Christian gentlemen examine Dr. Carnell's book and pass judgment on the book.

May God bless you for your continued stand for the truth once for all delivered unto the saints.

"Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,"

(Signed) Andrew Telford



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Where Is Happiness?

Not in Unbelief—

Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

Not in Pleasure—

Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure, if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."

Not in Money—

Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

Not in Position and Fame—

Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood, a struggle; old age, a regret."

Not in Military Glory—

Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because, he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Where, Then, Is Happiness Found?

The answer is simple: In Christ alone. He said: "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you" (John 16:22).

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

None but the name of Jesus Christ!

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